IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1617

STEVEN COUTRE Examiner: Samira JM Jean-Louis

APPLICATION NO: 10/560,669

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FOR: NEW PHARMACEUTICAL USES OF STAUROSPORINE

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Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of November 10, 2008 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 10, 2008. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1110 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR \$1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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